

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
Pastor Search Committee, 4:30PM
Prayer Time, 5:00PM
Evening Worship, 6:00PM

Tuesday

Prime Time Choir, 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Pastor Search Committee, 5:00PM
Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM
Youth IMPACT, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

Harold Ashcraft
Music Minister

Denise Griffin
Children/Youth Director

Claire Pennington
Church Administrator



FORERUNNER

April 13, 2023

Through Locked Doors

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ” John 20:19

Every year during this season, Christians all over the world focus on Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, and His death on the Cross culminating in His victorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday Morning.

But then what? Do we go back to the same old, same old? Or do we continue to savor the story of Jesus on earth. To establish the truth of His Resurrection, Jesus was appearing to many people over the next 40 days. In Chapter 24, Luke tells of two men leaving Jerusalem on the road to Emmaus, distressed and confused by recent events. Suddenly Jesus appeared and asked what they were talking about (as if He didn’t know). Cleopas replied, “Are you the only one in Jerusalem who doesn’t know what’s been going on this past week?”

The two men proceeded to tell Jesus about Jesus; His Words, His deeds, His crucifixion and His empty tomb. They explained how they had hoped this would be the One to redeem Israel, but it had not worked out. God had not really done what they wanted Him to do. They wanted a glorious king but not a suffering servant. They accepted the Crown but not the Cross. How often in our prayers, do we “inform” the Lord about a situation as if He has not a clue? Then we tell Him the best way to handle it. We walk daily on the Road to Emmaus, more than we care to admit, and Jesus patiently brings us back to His Word.

Luke 24:27 says, “*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.*” Can you imagine hearing Jesus Christ explain the first Passover and the blood of the lamb on the doorpost? How the death angel “passed over” and the people of God were given freedom from bondage and ushered into the Promised Land. How revealing to hear Jesus quote Psalm 22 describing Calvary in detail; Isaiah 53 where He was like a lamb led to the slaughter, innocent, and He opened not His mouth, yet His grave was among the wicked and the rich.

These two men wanted more. The more we study the Word, the more we want to study the Word. Their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus and returned to Jerusalem to testify of His Resurrection. What a difference it would make if we all gathered to tell how Jesus had revealed Himself to us each day, instead of complaining about too hot, too cold, don’t like that song, ants, etc. Would Jesus appear through our locked doors too? *Blessings to you, Claire*

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Robbie Clingan

By Doug and Debbie Frey Annie Armstrong

In Memory of Fred Causey

By Mike and Judy Gaddis Annie Armstrong
David and Cheryl Whitfield Annie Armstrong
Brenda Waldrip Music Ministry

In Memory of Nelwyne Burks

By Ron and Diane Denny Annie Armstrong
George and Laverne Smith Annie Armstrong

Our church extends sympathy to the family of Alease Williford in her homegoing this week in Georgia. She was 97 and had been a faithful member of the Priscilla Ladies Class here at Emmanuel. A graveside service will be held in Shreveport at a later time. Her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Donnie McCaa now live in McKinney, Texas.

Our church family was saddened to hear of Yvonne Douglas' passing today. While we rejoice to know she is with Jesus, we will miss her ministry here at Emmanuel. This year marked Yvonne's 70th year as a member of our church. She worked with our Children's Choirs, Youth Choirs and Single Adults. Yvonne also faithfully served as our church organist for many years. She would have been 93 years old next Wednesday, April 19th. Please remember her family in your prayers. You may send cards to her daughters, Jill Pilinski and Jamie Harris at Yvonne's address: 306 Hacienda Circle, Haughton, LA 71037.

Prime Time Singers – Tuesday, 10:30AM

Deacon's Meeting – April 23rd, 4:30PM

Business Meeting – April 26th, 6:00PM

Great News, Emmanuel! We met our goal for the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering on Easter Sunday. Our goal was \$7,000 and so far, we have raised \$8,500 to spread the Gospel throughout North America.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, April 14

1 Samuel 1 - 2, Luke 5:27-39

Saturday, April 15

1 Samuel 3 - 4, Luke 6:1-11

Sunday, April 16

1 Samuel 5 - 6, Luke 6:12-49

Monday, April 17

1 Samuel 7 - 8, Luke 7:1-17

Tuesday, April 18

1 Samuel 9 - 10, Luke 7:18-35

Wednesday, April 19

1 Samuel 11 - 13, Luke 7:36-50

Thursday, April 20

1 Samuel 14 - 15, Luke 8:1-18

Friday, April 21

1 Samuel 16 - 17, Luke 8:19-39

Saturday, April 22

1 Samuel 18 - 19, Luke 8:40-56

Sunday, April 23

1 Samuel 20 - 21, Luke 9:1-17

Thank you, Emmanuel and Homebound Ministries for the beautiful Easter Basket you gave me for Easter. God Bless you all. With Love, Virginia P. Williams



**Sunday Morning,
April 16th, Bro. Lane
will be preaching
from II Kings 5:1-14,
“Godly Rewards
of Obedience”**

Our EBC Policy & Procedure Manuals for Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry have been reviewed and approved for presentation to the church membership for vote. We will vote on them at our next business meeting, Wednesday, April 26. The final drafts are available for your review in the church office or you can request an email copy. Thank you for your help and faithfulness in the protection and safety of our children and youth at Emmanuel.